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Research & Development for Military Food and Packaging

R&DA conducted the fall conference to discuss future technologies in the development of future rations and packaging. Topics discussed were:

- Vulnerability Assessment on MRE's
- UGR program updates
- MRE program Updates
- Nutrition for extreme conditions, which talked to increasing the amount of Antioxidants in the MRE's.
- Foreign military presentation.
- Food Preservation via Advanced Flexible Packaging
- Tamper Evident Packaging
- NIB/NISH presentations

Presentations can be found at: <http://www.militaryfood.org/>

W.P.T. Hill Awards

Inspectors for the W.P.T. Hill award will complete the inspections by 3 November 2006. Results will be published once all inspection packages have been reviewed and briefed to the **Deputy Commandant (I&L)**.

This HQ's will forward registration requests for the IFSEA conference in the near future. LFS-4 will make the hotel reservations for Marines desiring to stay at the same hotel as the conference. Conference is scheduled to be held 29 Mar 07 - 1 Apr 07 **in Kansas City, Missouri**.

MCFMIS

Food Teams have begun MCFMIS (Windows based) upgrade. FSO's will be contacted prior to the team's arrival IOT coordinated inbriefs and schedules for training. FSO's need to continue to provide this HQ's with the status of NMCI seats if they are not already in place.

DATES	LOCATION
30 OCT - 10 NOV 06	PARRIS ISLAND/MCAS BEAUFORT
13 NOV - 08 DEC 06	CAMP LEJEUNE NC
13 NOV - 28 NOV 06	MCAS CHERRY PT
11 DEC - 22 DEC 06	QUANTICO VA

11 DEC - 22 DEC 06 MARBKS 8TH & I
11 DEC - 22 DEC 06 HENDERSON HALL
11 DEC - 22 DEC 06 CP ALLEN NORFOLK VA
08 JAN - 19 JAN 07 MCAGCC 29 PALMS
08 JAN - 02 FEB 07 CAMP PENDLETON
22 JAN - 02 FEB 07 MCRD SAN DEIGO
22 JAN - 02 FEB 07 MCAS MIRAMAR
22 JAN - 02 FEB 07 MCAS YUMA
22 JAN - 02 FEB 07 BRIDGEPORT CA
05 FEB - 16 FEB 07 OKINAWA JAPAN
19 FEB - 02 MAR 07 MCAS IWAKUNI
19 FEB - 02 MAR 07 CAMP FUJI
19 FEB - 02 MAR 07 MCB HAWAII
19 FEB - 02 MAR 07 CAMP MUJUK KOREA

HACCP Training

HACCP training dates:

13- 17 November 2006 - Camp Lejeune
04- 08 December 2006 - Camp Pendleton

Meals, Cold Weather

MCW's will no longer be procured by the Marine Corps. We have approx. 8,000 cases in inventory. Once the inventory is depleted we will rely on the MRE and FSR to support the individual meal requirement. MCW's currently staged at MCPP-N will be removed and replaced with MRE's.

Regional Garrison Food Service Conference

Semiannual Regional Garrison Food Service Contracts (RGFSC) meeting was held 17-18 Oct at Camp Pendleton. Highlights included:

- Reviewed the revised Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP) which begins the transition to a performance-based approach. This approach benefits both Sodexho and the government by placing the emphasis on outcomes/results vice mere compliance. Test phase of the new QASP will begin in aprox 6-8 weeks.
- Discussed potential for implementing successful new feeding concepts at additional mess halls (SubMarine, "Simply to Go" and extended meal service hours). SubMarine concept to be implemented at Quantico within 45 days.
- Full minutes of the meeting and copies of the briefing charts will be posted on the website.

FY-07 SIK Funding

FY07 SIK funds were released by HQMC, P&R on 25 Oct. Funds have been passed to Command comptrollers. Recipients of field allotments are reminded 1 QTR budget updates are due 1 Dec.

Maintenance IPT

Maintenance IPT was conducted IOT develop COA's for maintenance of Field Food Service Equipment. Attendees focused on the current requirement for a sound maintenance program and the future requirements of the LOGMOD and GCSS-MC initiatives. To become more familiar with these two initiatives, I have placed the briefs on the [LFS-4 web page](#).

Unified Facilities Criteria

Input to the UFC was valuable and addressed during the UFC teleconferences held on 4 Oct 2006. Changes to the UFC will be published in early January. Highlights of the teleconference include:

- Changing the Base [board] material from VTC to Vinyl or Rubber.
- Separation of Signage and Menu's Chapter IOT to clarify [to the designer] what areas we are discussing.
- Clarify location of grease traps. Although location was not dictated, the following sentence was implemented: *"Grease traps and other interceptors should be easily accessible for cleaning"*

Once changes are published I will forward for your reference.

Rations Pricing

The new rates for rations are published. Click on the link below to review/budget for the new FY:

[FY-07 Rations prices](#)

New Program Analyst

Mr. Rick Bedford (Maj. Retired) has returned to the LFS-4 staff. Mr. Bedford will be working as a program analyst for the Regional Garrison Food Service Contract. We welcome him back to the Marine Corps/LFS team. - Semper Fi.

MGySgt Stewart's Retirement

I would like to let everyone in the community know that MGySgt Stewart, (SNCOIC WCFMT), retired on 12 October 2006, after 30 years of service to the US Marine Corps. The ceremony was held at Fort Lee and we had several active and former Marines/family and friends in attendance. I would also like to mention that his fair well speech was one for the memory books and left just about everyone in attendance holding back the tears.

We also had MGySgt Carlile, (SNCOIC WPFMT) recently retire as well.

To you both from all the Food Service personnel:

"Fair Winds and Following Sea's"